

AGENDA
CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2010
GARDEN CENTER BUILDING
4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the July 14, 2010 regular meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Old Riverside Park Issues
2. Park Brochure Development
3. McKinley Park Plans
4. Dominion Easement Reifsnyder/Oak Paks

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Use requests:
 - A. Crisis Intervention and Recovery Center requesting to use Stadium and Monument Parks on September 11, 2010 as a part of their "Out of the Darkness" Walk
 - B. Mercy Church asking to use Westbrook Park to hold a backpack and school supply giveaway on August 22, 2010
2. Proposed Trail Signs
3. City Engineer giving notice that the City had received information that we can proceed on the East Side Trail project from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources
4. Right-of-way request for Mill Street Bridge Project

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST, 2010

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Jack Angelo, Vice President; Mr. Frank Morris III, Member; Mr. Douglas Perry, Director/Secretary; and Mr. Douglas Foltz, Assistant Director. There were also a few guests.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Reading of the minutes of the July 14, 2010 regular meeting. A motion was made by A. Black to approve the minutes as written. A second was provided by J. Angelo, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Old Riverside Park Issues - Neither the Director or the Board had any new information regarding this issue so it remained tabled.
2. Park Brochure Development - The Director reported that although the Engineering Department was working on the map for the brochure, it was slow going due to their workload so there was nothing new at this time.
3. McKinley Park Plans - The Director reported that he had checked with the architect, and the plan and estimates were almost ready and hoped to have them for the next meeting.

Mr. Black reported that he had talked to the City Engineer about looking for funds for the Streetscaping part of the plan.

4. Dominion Easement Reifsnyder/Oak Parks - The Director reported that he had heard nothing new with regard to this easement. Mr. Gordon of the Mayor's office stated he knew that there was contact between the Service Director and Dominion with regard to this issue.

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The Board considered the above requests, and a motion was then made by J. Angelo to approve them with an insurance requirement. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

2. Proposed Trail Signs - The Board reviewed the proposed trail signs to be used on the trails provided by the City Engineer. Mr. Black stated he had talked to the Engineer about the signs and their layout. The Board had no objections to what the City Engineer and Stark Parks worked out for the signs.

3. City Engineer giving notice that the City had received information that we can proceed on the East Side Trail project from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources - The Director reported that Mr. Moeglin had provided him a copy of a letter from ODNR that gave the City the approval to proceed with the East Side Trail project.

4. Right-of-way request for Mill Street Bridge Project - The Board reviewed the proposed realignment of the Mill Street bridge and the new right-of-way involving old Bauhoff Park. They had no objections to the necessary new easement.

A motion to approve the new easement was made by J. Angelo. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Healy asked to address the Board stating he had two issues he wanted to discuss.

The Mayor reported to the Board that income this year was down 2.5 million, ½ million more than was projected. The City did get a grant for use in the Fire Department that will help some this year as it goes into effect September 11, 2010. He stated it looked like the City would get through this year even though the July numbers were down \$200,000.

He told the Board the next year was not looking so good as he expected a reduction in local government funds due to a 4 to 8 billion dollar projected shortfall in the State budget. He said the City may have to cut its 2011 budget by 4 to 5%.

The Mayor also stated that the Hall of Fame activities were the largest ever and thanked the Park staff for their efforts.

The Mayor went on to say that the Park System had been impacted the least, other than the courts with the budget cuts. He said that the City has seen a three year drop of 10 million in budget and the reduction may be more for the Park System next year. The Mayor stated that a lot of money was made up by reductions in overtime, and there are 76 less employees than a 1-1/2 years ago.

2. The Mayor also brought up the Park Commission's planned dedication of the new playground in Nimisilla Park. He stated he believes it is a mistake to invite people running for office. He asked the Director who was to cut the ribbon. The Director stated that had not been talked about yet, but he assumed it would be him or his representative. The Mayor asked if Senator Brown had been invited as he had heard that former Senator Dewine had been invited. The Director told him former Senator Dewine had been asked because it was through his office that the grant had been obtained.

The Mayor stated he had received no information with regard to the dedication. He told the Board that this dedication is a problem with Council, and when funding is to be decided, it is not a good place to be.

He also stated that the dedication looked like a political action and that Council and the paper would see it that way. Mr. Black told the Mayor that there had been no political considerations given to the planned dedication. The Mayor then asked the Director if he had personally talked to former Mayor Creighton. The Director stated he had done so. He then asked if he had personally talked to him about the dedication. The Director stated he had not. The Mayor then told the Board that they could do with it what they want and left the meeting.

3. Mr. Derek Gordon of the Mayor's Office reported that one-half of the Park and Recreation's surveys had been returned, and the information was being studied. He also reported that there was an effort to take proposals to have Munson Field under a management agreement by 2011.
4. Councilperson Griffin asked about the Willig Field paving project. Mr. Gordon reported that Mr. Moeglin, City Engineer, was working on the project.

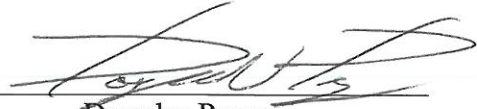
Councilperson Griffin also stated his family had used a park shelter recently and said they thought the park looked great. He also asked about the replacement play equipment for Garaux Park and was told that it had already been installed.

5. Assistant Director Foltz reported that the department had completed adding parking spots for the new playground at Nimisilla Park and all lots had been striped with the help of the Sign Shop.
6. Board President Black asked the Director to prepare a summary of activities over the summer months by the CPD Officer assigned to the parks.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary